

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated October 17, 2007, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to address the informalities noted by the Examiner in the Office Action. Additionally, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1, and the Examiner has indicated that this may overcome the rejection of claim 3 set forth in section five of the Office Action.

The allowance of claim 2 is noted with appreciation.

The outstanding rejection of independent claim 1 appears to be based on a misunderstanding on the meaning of the terms "vacuole-initiating fillers" and "additives". Fundamentally these are two different classes of substances which may be added to the base layer. Additives is not a generic term and does not encompass the vacuole-initiating fillers primary because additives do not initiate voids. The density of the vacuole-initiating fillers is of no concern, but the density of any particles which do not cause voids (additives) effects the density of the base layer or the overall film density.

Based upon the specification as originally filed, namely page 13, lines 17-32, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the base layer contains the vacuole-initiating fillers and does not contain pigments. The vacuole-initiating fillers may have any density whether higher or lower than the polypropylene density, but these fillers always reduce the density of the base layer since the air filled voids compensate for any higher density the vacuole-initiating fillers may have.

Accordingly, for the reasons expressed above it is believed that claims 1 and 3-18 are also directed to patentable subject matter in addition to already allowed claim 2. A formal notice of allowance is believed to be in order.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05581-00135-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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